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This book aims to show parents how to instill the love of reading in their children and how to nurture that love throughout their lives, even in the face of television, video, and computer entertainment. The book is based on the concept of "reading pathways," developed after more than 20 years of classroom observation and interviews. It is realized that very often kids follow consistent trajectories as readers. For example, boys who love science fiction and fantasy often mature into lovers of history and political books, while girls who read Sweet Valley High books often come to love classic authors like the Brontes, perhaps passing through a horror-fiction phase on the way. If parents can recognize these patterns, and can use "reading hooks" to appeal to their children's individual tastes, they can help move them along the path to a lifelong love of reading. The book includes a special chapter that answers some of the most common reading questions voiced by parents and teachers--including how to handle school and homework problems--and concludes with conversations with teenage readers and a list of favorite books cited by avid readers. (NKA)

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